

Benjamin Cornelius Lott

1850-1950 Centennial Biography

Benjamin Cornelius Lott, a prominent farmer and active High Priest, is a son of Benjamin Smith and Abigail Evans Lott and was born in Lehi September 5, 1874. On his father's maternal line, he is a descendent of Geneva Ward and Captain Darrow of Revolutionary fame.

Always a tiller of the soil, he has raised some of the finest staple farm products ever produced in this vicinity, and for many years he was a leading sugar beet grower. An enthusiastic stock raiser, he has had some of the finest and largest horses in the community. He is justifiably proud of converting a hilly barren piece of land into a productive farm. By careful selection, he produced a strain of wheat high in protein which he named "shadscale" It has produced some good yields.

He was a charter member and the second president of the Lehi Farm Bureau, first president of the Farmer's Equity Society, for twenty-five years a board member of the Lehi Irrigation Company, and a member of the Provo River Water User's Association.

For fifteen years, he and his wife Geneva, were members of the Old Folks Committee and she was secretary for five years. They were both members of the Lehi Fifth Ward Finance Company during the building of the chapel. In all of these activities they have been active and energetic. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple December 21, 1899, and are the parents of seven children.